

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 are currently pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 5, 8 and 9 are amended. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 3 and 8 can be found at least in Fig. 3 and the corresponding disclosure in the specification, for example, paragraph [0124]. Support for the amendments to claims 5 and 9 can be found at least in Fig. 4 and the corresponding disclosure in the specification, for example, paragraph [0148]. No new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Nguyen at the interview held November 12, 2008, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kimball (U.S. Patent No. 5,953,322) in view of Zhang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,953,407). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Kimball and Zhang do not teach or render obvious every claimed feature of independent claims 1, 3, 5, 8 and 9. Kimball and Zhang do not teach or render obvious "wherein the switch device switches the output destination of audio signals based on audio input from the transmitter/receiver and the input source of audio signals to be outputted as audio from the transmitter/receiver is switched from the NCU to the audio input/output path in response to detecting that a call via the NCU is ended after notification by the telephone call notification device," as recited in independent claims 1, 3 and 8; and "wherein the switch device switches the output destination of audio signals based on audio input from the transmitter/receiver and the input source of audio signals to be outputted as audio from the transmitter/receiver from the audio input/output path to the NCU in response to detecting that

a call via the audio input/output path is ended after notification by the internet call notification device," as recited in independent claims 5 and 9.

The Office Action acknowledges that Kimball does not teach a telephone call notification device or process (see Office Action, page 3). The Office Action relies on Zhang for this feature (see Office Action, page 3).

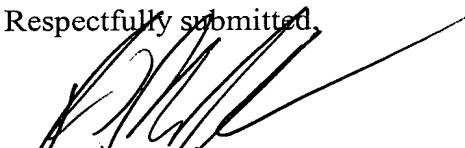
Zhang merely relates to a device for producing a distinctive call waiting tone signal (see Abstract of Zhang). However, as argued during the telephone interview, Zhang does not relate to any switching of transmission paths after detection of the "call waiting" signal. Therefore, Zhang does not teach or render obvious the features of independent claims 1, 3, 5, 8 and 9.

Therefore, for at least these reasons, independent claims 1, 3, 5, 8 and 9 are patentable over the alleged combination of Kimball and Zhang. Claims 2 and 6, which respectively depend from independent claims 1 and 5, are also patentable for at least their dependency on independent claims 1 and 5, as well as for the additional features they recite. Applicants thus respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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